

Arellano—Mitchell, Rebecca Bailey—Rasor, Christi Burkle—Saigling, Jessica Sides—Schell, Jana Martin—Shepard, Kari Tolle—Sigler, Megan Bruce—Skaggs, Whitney Pitzer—Stinson, Casey Howell—Thomas, Debbie Little—Weatherford, Stacy Lawrence—Wells, Kim Ramirez—Wyatt, Ashley Brown—Bird Center, Kathleen Farquhar—Armstrong, Mark Caspersen—Bowman, Kathleen Zeier—Carpenter, Anna Vines—Frankford, Eric Feldman—Haggard, Karen Home—Hendrick, Nick Seibert—Murphy, Bonny Pan-Otto, Neelima Singh—Renner, Cindy Woolum—Rice, Kimberley Ahrens—Robinson, Azam Anet—Schimelpfenig, Kennitra Robertson—Wilson, Karen Stanton—Clark, David Jones—Jasper, Sarah Fischer—McMillen, Joshua Thompson—Shepton, Fred Sampson—Vines, Christine Miller—Williams, Megan Walters—Academy, Daniel Knight—Plano East, Terry Eder—Plano Senior, Barbara Nelson—Plano West.

**HONORING CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ADAM MUSGROVE AND RYAN MOODY**

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Chelan County Sheriffs Deputies Adam Musgrove and Ryan Moody. Deputies Musgrove and Moody were awarded the highest law enforcement honor in Washington State, the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor for meritorious conduct.

Like the other officers who received medals of honor that day, Deputies Musgrove and Moody are accustomed to running toward danger instead of away. In this instance, their heroic actions not only put themselves at risk but resulted in a saved life when they rescued a man from burning building in September 2013. I am honored to call them both my constituents and to serve on their behalf in Congress.

The award was presented on Friday May 2, 2014 by Governor Jay Inslee and Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson. They were two of only eleven to receive this prestigious honor.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Chelan County Sheriffs Deputies Adam Musgrove and Ryan Moody, and I thank them for all they have given back to the people of Washington State. Thank you.

**HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Chair, I would like to thank Chairman MCKEON and the Mem-

bers of the House Armed Services Committee for the Committee's work on the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. As the Chairman of the House Small Business Committee, I know very well that efforts of this magnitude take leadership, thoughtfulness and compromise. I support the final bill, and thank the Committee for continuing to make our Nation's security a top priority.

I want to draw attention to a key priority that the Committee helped address this year. Earlier this year, United States Navy offered to the Committee its "unfunded priority" request of additional EA-18G Growlers, an electronic attack aircraft. Specifically, the Navy Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Jonathan Greenert testified that there is an emerging requirement for more electronic attack, and he asked for 22 Growlers. The Growler is the only aircraft that can provide the full spectrum electronic attack that are needed for future operations.

In addition to a specific warfighting capability that the Growler provides, the men and women that work on the aircraft are part of America's aerospace industry that has undergone significant change over the last several decades. A vital part of this industry are the small businesses that have kept our military force on the cutting edge, armed with technologies and programs no other nation can match. The production of the Growler is no exception to this rule as there are 340 small businesses that are located across 32 states, including in my home state of Missouri, which support the program.

At a time when the small business sector is regaining its footing in the recovering economy, there should be a way to preserve the military industrial base. This bill supports that effort by adding 5 Growlers above the President's Budget Request and encouraging the Navy to keep the manufacturing line open. Closing the line would not only upend many small businesses that sustain the program, but would also lead to less competition and fewer innovative technology breakthroughs in tactical aviation. The Committee bill represents a good first step at meeting the dual needs of the Navy's requirements and the defense industrial base.

As the Fiscal Year 2015 bills move through the process, I look forward to working with the Committee to meet the needs of the warfighter and to protect the small businesses interests in our Nation.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,485,062,209,497.43. We've added \$6,858,185,160,583.35 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES DAY**

**HON. JERRY MCNERNEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Armed Forces Day, which took place on May 17th. We have set this day aside to recognize the men and women of our armed forces since Armed Forces Day was established by President Harry Truman in 1949.

All Americans should take time to honor the sacrifices of our people in uniform serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard around the world. They put their lives at risk to protect us, to rescue us, and to assure our freedom and that of our allies.

Our service members endure harsh and often life-threatening conditions, long hours, and extended periods away from their families for the best reason of all—because their country asked them to. I urge Americans to thank members of the armed forces for their service when they see them in the community, to help their families when they are deployed, and to hire them when they leave the service and are coming back into our communities as veterans.

**CONGRATULATING THE TELACU EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON THEIR 31ST ANNUAL BUILDING THE DREAM GALA**

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization based in my 40th Congressional District. The Foundation has been transforming educational outcomes for thousands of Latino students over more than three decades.

TELACU, The East Los Angeles Community Union, is a pioneer in empowering and revitalizing communities in our great State of California and throughout our Nation. More than 30 years ago, in response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students in college, TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation. Working in partnership with a vast network of colleges, universities, corporations, and individuals, the TELACU Education Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to thousands of deserving students.

As the centerpiece of the Foundation, the College Success Program annually provides scholarships to 500 college and graduate students who are the first in their families to access higher education. Realizing that financial resources alone cannot fully meet these students' needs, the program provides these scholars with comprehensive academic and career guidance to ensure that they graduate.

The Foundation also serves an additional 1,600 middle and high school students, nursing school students, and veterans. Through comprehensive educational programs, these scholars are not only inspired to pursue higher education, but are also equipped to meet the